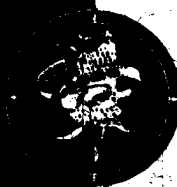


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## **NEW AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN NORTHERN CHAD (S)**

1. (S/D) A new airfield was observed under construction (Figure 1) in the Libyan claimed and occupied area of northern Chad on imagery of [REDACTED]. Construction of this facility indicates that Libya may intend to retain control of this area and enhance its ability to influence events in central Africa.

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2. (S/D) The airfield [REDACTED] is approximately 51 nautical miles north-northeast of Aozou, Chad, and is in the early stages of construction. Grading for the runway—oriented northwest/southeast on an azimuth of [REDACTED]—is 3,850 meters long and varies from 40 to 70 meters wide. The dimensions and pattern of this airfield are similar to those of another newly identified airfield at Wadi Al Hamin, Libya [REDACTED]. Oil was being spread on the north-central portion of the runway. A construction support camp is approximately 6,500 meters north of the runway.

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